GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PHARMA COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allow Pharma Companies data exclusivity in the manufacture of drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the repercussion for choosing this course in patenting medicines, pricing of drugs and research?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS {SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE):

(a) Matter regarding providing data protection to Pharma companies is being discussed by the Committee set up for the purpose. No decision has been taken so far.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to part (a) above, does not arise.